

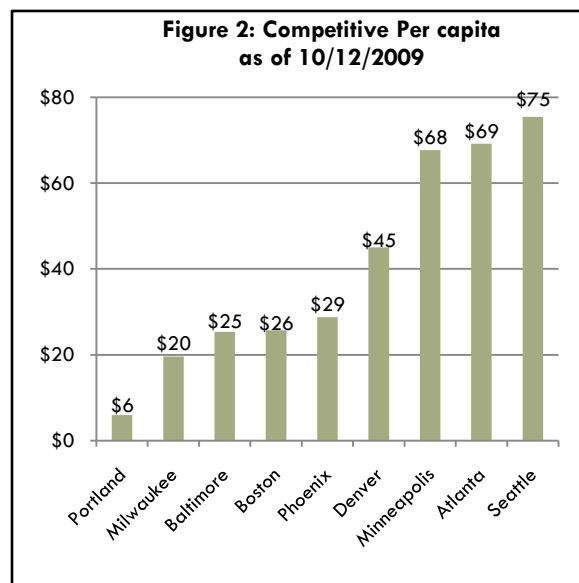
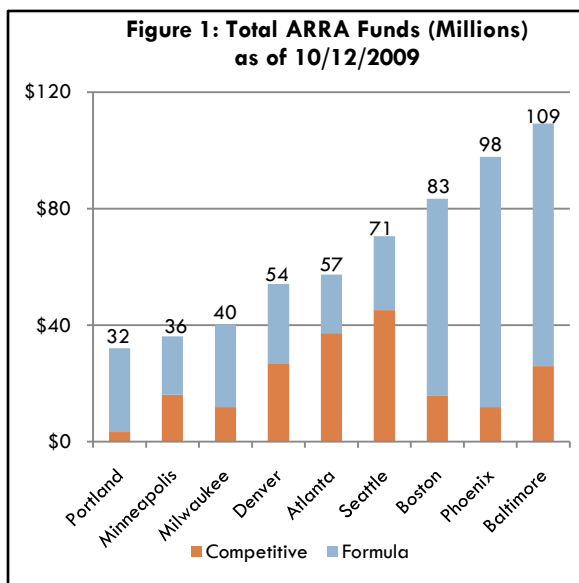
Atlanta leading ARRA efforts among comparable cities

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City of Atlanta continues to aggressively pursue stimulus funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. With a target list of 34 programs, the City has been awarded to-date, \$73M across 10 programs in five major areas: Transportation Infrastructure, Public Safety, Energy & Environment, Housing & Homelessness, and Job Training.

A recent study by the Office of Policy and Management at the City of Seattle compared ARRA funding awarded to-date to nine cities with similar population, employment, geographic distribution and key industry clusters. While Baltimore, Phoenix and Boston lead in total ARRA funds awarded, 75% of their funding is from formula grants compared to 35% of Atlanta's (Figure 1). More specifically with competitive grants, Atlanta is second in ARRA grant dollars per capita (Figure 2).

In addition to the ARRA grants directly funding programs at the City, Atlanta also received \$51M in indirect benefits from Highway Infrastructure projects, Clean Energy Vehicles and Training/Employment Services programs.



Source: ARRA Comparable Cities Research by Office of Policy and Management at the City of Seattle (10/12/2009)

To learn more about the ARRA efforts at the City of Atlanta, please visit the city webpage at: http://www.atlantaga.gov/mayor/citystimulus_061109.aspx